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# Green Spring Offers Hot Tea & Winter Tropics

The practice of growing plants and fruits in environmentally controlled areas has existed since Roman times and is still in use today. On Sunday, January 20, 2008 from 1 to 3 p.m., Green Spring Gardens invites you to warm up in the hothouse and revisit the history of glasshouses, orangeries and conservatories.

Discover how hothouses stay warm and why the cultivation of plants and vegetables in closed areas is so significant to our agriculture. Horticulturalist Mary Frogale explains it all on a tour through Green Spring Gardens' glasshouse. Visitors will receive practical tips on gardening under glass.

Following the program, relax and warm up at the historic house with a traditional English tea. Not only is Green Spring Gardens one of the preeminent locations for horticulture in the Washington D.C. area, but it is also a delightful setting for an afternoon tea. Surrounded by 28 acres of stunning demonstration gardens and woodland stream valley, the historic house offers glimpses into a long, rich history with colonial origins.

The cost of this event is \$25 per person and prepaid reservations are required.

For more information and reservations, please call 703-941-7987. Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. Take Beltway exit 52B (route 236) east 3.2 miles to left at Braddock Road to the entrance on the right on Witch Hazel Road.

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